

15 November 1962

DD/R  
STAFF MINUTES  
13 November 1962

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Present: Scoville  
Giller  
[REDACTED]

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Cunningham  
[REDACTED]

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INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE**

1. In a general discussion of the state of the Cuban crisis, Dr. Scoville commented there is a strong probability that some sort of investigation and inquiry will be made on the intelligence coverage and reporting of the missile build-up in Cuba. A post mortem from the standpoint of how more timely and precise intelligence could have been achieved, even if just a matter of a few days or a few weeks, is undoubtedly a good idea. There is some danger, however, that some buck-passing might be attempted within the community and also within the Agency. While it is hoped that this will not happen, it was requested that OSA carefully review and outline all factors leading up to the 14 October date taking into account all requests, COMOR actions, Special Group actions, weather factors, etc.

2. Dr. Scoville announced that he has been appointed Chairman for a special White House study group charged with doing a comparative review of the U. S. and USSR atomic energy programs. This assignment will take a considerable amount of time beginning immediately and aiming for a deadline of 15 December for the report. Heavy stress is being placed on the security of this group and its work.

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4. [REDACTED] asked whether the present priority on early warning ELINT coverage be continued as was initiated at the beginning of the Cuban crisis. It was agreed that this coverage should continue until more information is available on which to base a decision for dropping or modifying the coverage. [REDACTED] is to check NSA regarding the present status of the current ELINT coverage program.

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5. [REDACTED] reported that the [REDACTED] project has acquired some interesting data. OEL would like more precise data on the [REDACTED] missions, times, positions, etc., and will take this matter up with the JRC. OSA can and will help in this pursuit.

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7. With reference to [REDACTED] recent concern on the security of CORONA as pertains to SAC's current activities, Dr. Scoville asked that he be briefed as soon as possible as to precisely what he should take up with Charyk. OSA ACTION.

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9. [REDACTED] reported that Cuban [REDACTED] air defense system is still being run by the Russians. It was observed that we must anticipate and be prepared for the fact that some day they are going to shoot. It was urged that maximum alertness on the part of everyone be maintained in order to get any possible clue of impending plans to take action against our aircraft.

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10. With reference to the Eastman contract, Dr. Scoville stressed that he wants to get on with the implementation of the agreement and be absolutely sure that it is not we who are dragging our feet. Under the agreement, we are responsible.

OSA ACTION.

11. Dr. Scoville requested a rundown on the status of aircraft countermeasure modifications. OSA ACTION.

25X1A 12. [REDACTED] reported on the UGF fund drive. As of 12 November the DD/R has reached a 93% participation and a 95% accomplishment of its dollar goal. These figures break down as follows:

	Percent Participation	Percentage of Goal
O/DD/R	100%	191%
OEL	100%	101%
OSA	90%	85%

Within the total DD/R, 154 people have pledged \$1,750 against a goal of \$1,845. As of this date there are still ten pledge cards to be accounted for from OSA. Mr. Cunningham was urged to do everything possible to get these missing pledges in and to try to achieve the goal.

13. Dr. Scoville requested a report on the status of the NRO security policy paper. ACTION - JRR.

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Distribution:

1 - Scoville 25X1A  
2 - Giller  
3 - [REDACTED]  
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